

## STATE OF TENNESSEE

## PROCLAMATION

## BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, radon is a naturally occurring colorless and tasteless gas that when concentrated in high levels, can pose a threat to human health and can gradually seep into any building through cracks and other openings in a foundation; and

WHEREAS, radon has been detected in every county in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, high levels of radon in the home are believed to be the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and elevated levels of radon in the home may pose a health risk; and

**WHEREAS**, extremely high levels of radon in the home can be reduced, and testing for the gas is relatively simple and inexpensive; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has joined with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the American Lung Association of Tennessee, and other local health departments, health councils, city and county governments in promoting local efforts to help Tennesseans test their homes and schools;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2012, as

## **RADON ACTION MONTH**

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 5th day of December, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State